



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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December 01, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO PROCEED WITH THE SOLE SOURCE
ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) CATERPILLAR 973D TRACK LOADER
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD), as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the sole source acquisition of one (1) Caterpillar 973D Track Loader to be used in firefighting emergencies. The cost of this acquisition is approximately \$525,000.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Authorize the Director of the ISD, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with a sole source acquisition of one (1) Caterpillar 973D Track Loader at a cost of approximately \$525,000.
2. Find that this purchase is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the District to maintain its operational effectiveness, for multiple types of emergencies (e.g., fire, flood, earthquake, etc.), utilizing the District's heavy equipment fleet.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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PATRICK O'GAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Approval of the proposed sole source acquisition of one (1) Caterpillar 973D Track Loader will enable the District to:

- Emulate in every way (training, operation, maintenance, appearance, etc.) the District's current front-line firefighting equipment.
- Replace one (1) apparatus that is 40 years old with the Caterpillar 973D Track Loader, which in turn will eliminate the difficulties in finding parts for repairs and maintenance due to the age of the District's current track loader.
- Primarily use the track loader for the overhaul of commercial structure fires, thus reducing risk management, which in turn provides added firefighter safety.
- Utilize cost-effective components to reduce annual operating costs while maintaining a higher operating efficiency with a lower emission diesel engine.
- Allow the safety of personnel to remain at the current standard (apparatus will be equipped with an enclosed cab, the latest safety items, etc.) of the District's latest firefighting equipment.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability, by maximizing the effectiveness of the strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal #3, Integrated Services Delivery, by maximizing opportunities to improve client and community outcomes and leveraging resources by providing multi-tasked emergency apparatus to support emergency public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District's Fiscal Year 2015-16 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase.

There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance capital equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater, prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

Approval for sole source acquisition is required due to the uniqueness of this type of equipment. Caterpillar Inc. is the sole source manufacturer of the 973D Track Loader.

The size of the Caterpillar 973D Track Loader is the only model that is this size and has the capabilities (lifting capabilities, breakout force, longer/higher reach, ability to carry/push large amounts of heavy material, etc.) and associated work tools that meet the District's requirements. This model is only manufactured and provided by Caterpillar's Los Angeles area dealer Quinn Company, the only distributor for Los Angeles County. Quinn Company is extending all available governmental discounts to the District.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent. Upon Board approval, the purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

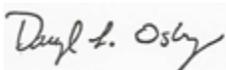
Approval of the recommended actions will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment and property in a safer, more efficient, and cost-effective manner.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office – Emergency Operations
Acting Chief Deputy David R. Richardson Jr.
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Respectfully submitted,



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